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REGULAR MEETING, APPROVED MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 6, 2011

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Date: September 6, 2011

Scheduled start time: 7:00 PM

Place: Pauma Valley Community Center

16650 Hwy. 76

Pauma Valley, Ca. 92061

- 1. CALL TO ORDER: 7:05 Roll Call and quorum established: All 6 Group Members present: Thomas Mc Andrews, Chairman; Andy Mathews, Vice Chairman; Fritz Stumpges, Secretary; John Ljubenkov; Jim Beezhold; and Bill Winn.
- 2. **APPROVE MINUTES:** The minutes for August 2nd had been circulated to all members. Tom's changes were incorporated and the minutes circulated again prior to the meeting. With no or further discussion, Andy moved to approve the August minutes, Bill made the second and the minutes were approved 6-0.
- **3. APPROVE OPERATING EXPENSES:** There were no operating expenses but Tom said that the invoice for rent for last year's meetings would now be submitted with this vote to approve the minutes containing the motion and unanimous approval. Pauma Valley Community Center is to bill now for the first half of the current year 2011.
- 4. OPEN FORUM opportunity for citizens to speak on any regional item not on the agenda for this meeting. No action can be taken on these items:
 - a. Julie Schneider Ljubenkov spoke about the noise and safety issues associated with high speed motorcyclists on highway 76. She is personally affected by their excessive noise. She lives at Cuca-Ranch, near the Palomar Mountain South Grade, but it is a problem elsewhere. The motorcycles have extremely loud exhausts which "scream" throughout the valley as they race by. She has complained to the Oceanside CHP about this continually increasing problem. They used to come out and were somewhat effective in controlling the problems. But current budgetary restraints force limited enforcement of noise and safety issues. We decided to contact the Palomar, Valley Center and Fallbrook planning groups to see if they want to join us in joint discussions and possible actions to be taken. We will place this item on next month's agenda for possible action and also invite the CHP, Code Enforcement, and Military representatives for their input.

5. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS:

- **a.** Fritz and Jim had completed their mandatory ethics training class and arrangements will be made to verify that the county has received the completion records.
- **6. ANNOUNCMENTS:** Tom spoke to us about Board Policy I-63 and the Initiation of General Plan Amendments Stakeholder Workshop which is to take place September 22, 2011 at 1:30 pm. It is to be at the San Diego County Credit Union, 1st Floor, 5500 Overland Ave. Farnham Street. Board Policy to process proposed amendments is only to be undertaken when authorized by the board, planning commission, or planning director. This meeting is in possible response to the concern expressed previously by Tom and other Planning Groups, that this policy may limit our input. Anyone wishing to attend should let Tom know.

7. DISCUSSION ITEMS – No PPCSG advisory vote is to be taken on these items:

- a. We received a letter from the San Diego Office of County Counsel dated August 29, 2011 in response to our letter and attachments of August 8, 2011, where we had requested guidance on the appropriate action that PPCSG may take concerning issues raised by certain land owners of the area known as Rancho Heights. They told us that this issue resulted from the approval of sub-division maps issued many years ago. There are no pending land use proposals for the group to review at this time so there are no actions which the group can take now that would be consistent with board policy I-1 which governs the actions of planning and sponsor groups. It was from Thomas Montgomery, through Chief Deputy Ellen Pilsecker. So basically, this issue is in counties hands, is closed and they have decided to take no further action. They have sent notice of this to Mr. Bullfinch et al. Fritz expressed opposition to a *blanket decree* that we cannot take issue with some circumstances we or the community may feel are important. This case may be an exception because on the legal case involved. We reviewed Article 1, Section 2, and it says we are to be advisors to the Department of Planning and Land Use, BOS and others on matters of planning and land use affecting the group's area. We felt that there were two valid issues, one of Road Access and the other Fire Safety due to the closure. We felt that we did our duty and relayed the citizen's and our concerns, and that ends our mandate.
- b. Review of a request by the Fallbrook Community Planning Group to participate with the BIA; Department of Interior; Congressional, State and County Representatives; and Native American Nation representatives to plan to participate in a future community education conference. It would be about Fee-to Trust –Land-Transfer application policies and procedures. This would include the fiscal and land planning impacts to local communities. There are currently 37 F-T-T applications in process (Approx 12,300 acres affected) and we need to be aware of the laws and regulations that back up the decisions the BIA makes. We discussed joining with Fallbrook and other Planning Groups to sign a request for a meeting of these agencies for our enlightenment. Andy mentioned legislation pending which could affect the BIA's rules for their decisions and the timeliness of this process. Bill volunteered to work with Jack Woods of Fallbrook's group, to start this request process.
- c. John updated us on the progress of the Gregory Canyon Landfill application. SB833 to shut down the dump proposal, passed the assembly 70-1 with 9 not voting. The Governor now has 30 days to sign, veto, or just let it become law based on the legislature's wishes. Fritz moved to have John write a letter expressing our support of SB833, and to express our past concerns and objections to the landfill. Tom is to review and forward it to the Governor and have John send copies to the local newspapers. Bill made a second, and the motion passed 6-0.
- **d.** Tom reviewed the progress of the application for designating Highway 76 a state scenic highway. It is already listed by San Diego County as a County Scenic Highway and it is listed on the Second Tier (and 6th in line to be funded) to become a State Scenic Highway.

e. We again reviewed our annual update of the park and recreation project priority list. This is a priority list of 5 possible projects we feel deserving of PLDO funds. Stephen Paul, Park Project Manager of SD County Department of Parks and Recreation (and Landscape Architect) was present to speak to us about these projects. These funds are primarily available for park land acquisition, and design and development of parks. They can also be used to apply for grants such as Community Development Block Grants (CDBGs) of which Fallbrook just received \$30K for an amphitheater at Live Oak Park. Unlike Pauma Valley, they have joined with the Co. Airport Services District which can tax locals for park support and receive PLDO funds. Fritz asked if the funds could then be used to help properly fill out the Joint Powers Agreement for funding to private, non-profit parks such as ours. (No Answer) He was anxious that we actually start doing something. Jim mentioned that we don't have any county land available and the \$300K we accumulated over our approximate 25 year history is not capable of funding much. Paul did say that it was possible to get funds for our park but that it was just very difficult. Since we could find no official vote on our list in the minutes of this year, Jim and Fritz are to find our records of this list we agreed to months ago so that we can discuss and officially approve them at our next meeting.

8. ACTION ITEMS – PPCSG advisory vote may be taken on the following items:

- a. Possible approval vote to accept Mr. Ron Barbanell's application to fill the vacancy to our last open seat: We all met and visited with him at the last meeting. He made favorable impressions and Tom stated that he saw no reason not to forward his application to Supervisor Horn for his appointment of Ron to our Board. Andy made a motion to do so, John gave a second and the motion carried 6-0.
- b. We then discussed the need to appoint one of us to be our Representative on San Diego County's new Purchase of Agricultural Conservation Easement (PACE) Pilot Program. This is a program to consider possible equity transfer mechanisms for those who lost equity in the recent down zoning of many rural lands. Applicants must be willing to make permanent dedication of land into a farm land trust. The representatives will meet four or five times over the next 12-18 months. Andy volunteered to serve! Tom moved to appoint him our representative, Bill gave a second and the motion passed 5-0 with Andy abstaining from his own appointment.
- c. We then discussed the possible formation of a new Warner Ranch SSA Sub-Committee. The Sub-Committee would focus on the issues involved with this proposed 1200 unit development. Tom moved to appoint John, Bill and Andy. Fritz gave a second and it was passed 6-0. Additional community representatives will be solicited to join.

9. ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40.

Fritz Stumpges, Secretary

These minutes were approved October 4, 2011 John moved, Jim seconded and passed 5-0